

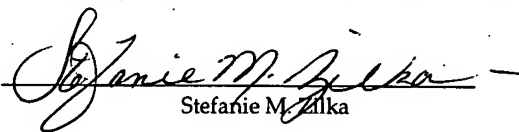


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ELECTION

Examiner Phan:

In the restriction requirement dated March 21, 2005 (*Restriction Requirement*), the Examiner asserted that the present "application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Group I, figures 1-5[;] Group II, figure 6[;] Group III, figures 7-8." *Restriction Requirement*, 2. The Examiner required the Applicant "to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable." *Restriction Requirement*, 2.

In response to the *Restriction Requirement*, the Applicant elects the species of Group II (Figure 6) that pertains to a universal attachment structure, specifically an attachment structure comprising a telescoping handle. The Applicant believes claims 1, 8, 13, 16, 17, 19-22, 24-25 and 28 read on the species of Group II (Figure 6). All other claims are presently withdrawn from consideration subject to a finding that a generic claim is allowable.